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SUBJECT:DAILY MAIL SUMMARY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1976

A. LETTERS

1. AMBASSADOR JOSE DE LA PUENTE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF PERU, WRITES IN ANSWER TO YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 17 ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF AN INCREASE IN OIL PRICES AND ITS EFFECT ON ECONOMIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SAYS THE SITUATION COULD IMPEDE AND JEOPARDIZE THE DOMESTIC EFFORTS PERU IS MAKING TO RECOVER ITS ECONOMY FROM EFFECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CRISIS. HIS GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER AND WILL ACT ON IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THEIR FOREIGN POLICY.

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2. THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ADDS HIS APPRECIATION TO THAT OF THE PRESIDENT, SERETSE M. KHAMA (BOTSWANA) FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS DURING THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT ILLNESS. THE PRESIDENT SAYS IT WAS A GREAT SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR HIM AND HIS PEOPLE.

3. SECRETARY RUMSFELD WRITES THAT AT THE NATO NUCLEAR

PLANNING GROUP MINISTERIAL MEETING IN LONDON LAST MONTH THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT USING THE NUCLEAR DEFENSE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AS A FORUM FOR HANDLING INTERFACE BETWEEN ALLIANCE NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE PLANNING. HE FEELS CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR PLANNING CANNOT PROPERLY BE CONSIDERED IN ISOLATION FROM EACH OTHER. THE AMBASSADORS TO NATO OF BELGIUM AND TURKEY HAVE SEPARATELY APPROACHED STRAUSSZ-HUPE AND A US MEMBER OF THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS THAT IT IS TIME TO ABOLISH THE NPG ROTATIONAL MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM. HE SAYS HE'S TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS BY PROPOSING A DRAFT TELEGRAM TO YOUR STAFF, BUT THEY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY WISH TO RETAIN THE PRESENT STRUCTURE OF THE NPG. HE SUGGESTS YOU TAKE AN INTEREST IN THIS AND FIRST DISCUSS THE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WITH THE GERMANS AND, IF THE GERMAN RESPONSE IS POSITIVE, PROCEED TO BROACH THE SUBJECT WITH LUNS AND OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF NPG (UK AND ITALY) BEFORE RAISING IT IN AN NPG PERMREPS SESSION IN BRUSSELS.

4. AMBASSADOR OF DENMARK, OTTO BORCH, SENDS THE BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY THE DANISH BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE ENTITLED "US '76" IN WHICH YOU APPEAR IN A PHOTO WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN AND MINISTER PETER DYVIG AT THE NAVY YARD IN WASHINGTON.

5. DIRECTOR C. WILLIAM KONTOS, US SINAI SUPPORT MISSION, FORWARDS TO YOU FROM MR. JACK HORSTICK OF SINAI FIELD MIS-
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SION A SELF-DESIGNED BUCKLE IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE DESIGNED THE BUCKLE FOR HIS COLLEAGUES AS A MEMENTO OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE SFM. KONTOS SUGGESTS, "IT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO THE UNIFORM OF A HARLEM GLOBETROTTER, BUT WOULD LOOK WELL AGAINST THE ORANGE COVERALLS OF THE S.F.M. WHICH WE WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED TO SEND YOU."

6. THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PRESENTS YOU AS AN HONORARY OFFICER OF THE USOC WITH A BOOK OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE 1976 OLYMPIC GAMES AND THE 1975 PAN AMERICAN GAMES. F. DON MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE USOC, WRITES THESE RECORDS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT YOUR COOPERATION.

B. SOCIAL INVITATIONS

1. MR. AND MRS. SHELDON COHEN INVITE YOU AND MRS.

KISSINGER TO A DINNER/RECEPTION IN HONOR OF ROBERT STRAUSS
OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 AT
7:00 PM AT THE COSMOS CLUB. DETAILS TO FOLLOW REGARDING

DRESS. ACCEPT REGRET

2. JOHN HEINZ, PENNSYLVANIA, INVITES YOU TO HIS SWEARING-
IN RECEPTION JANUARY 4 FROM NOON TO 4:00 PM IN THE RUSSELL
SENATE OFFICE BUILDING AND TO A PRIVATE DINNER AT 8:00 PM
AT HIS GEORGETOWN RESIDENCE. ACCEPT REGRET

C. TELEPHONE CALLS

THERE WERE NO TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED FOR YOU TODAY

D. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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MINISTER SILVEIRA, BRAZIL

SHAHANSHAH AND SHAHBANOU FARAH OF IRAN

TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
KUALA LUMPUR

2. FRIENDS

RUTH AND GERRY WAGNER

GERHARD MERZYN, DIRECTOR RISSEN HAUS - ALSO ENCLOSES THE
YEARBOOK
ROBINSON

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